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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDDY  
GENERAL CHAMBERLIN  
ADMIRAL INGLIS  
GENERAL McDONALD

Subject: Exploitation of the Foreign Press

1. In its daily review of material received from the field by the several IAS agencies, CIG had come to the conclusion that there is need in the interests of efficiency and economy for coordination in the field exploitation of the foreign press.

2. It is therefore proposed that a detailed study be made of the problem in the hope that a coordinated program can be developed, which by pooling of effort can ensure a better coverage suited to the particular requirements of each agency at the same or less cost in budget dollars and manpower.

3. Accordingly, it is requested that each agency supply CIG with copies of all standing collection directives covering the exploitation of the foreign press by field agents or agency researchers in this country. These directives or instructions, when supplied to CIG, might be accompanied by any explanation or other commentary the agencies may desire to bring to the attention of CIG which they might consider helpful in developing a coordinated program.

4. It is further requested that each agency designate a representative who will be available to discuss the problem on an informal basis during the development stages so that every effort may be made to produce a paper for IAS consideration which will reflect agency policy, procedures, and requirements.

5. The material requested in paragraph 3 above should be in CIG hands within two weeks of the date of this memorandum.

For the Dir. of Central Intelligence

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Executive Director

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